To: KONIG Helena (TRADE);

Cc:

Subject: Report meeting with 11.11.11 and partner NGOs on Indonesia - 23 Sep 2016

Attachments: meeting EU-I CEPA

I met on Friday 23 Sep, upon their request, with 11.11.11 (Flemish North-South Movement) and partner NGOs for a conversation on Indonesia.

- 11.11.11
- Indonesia Corruption Watch
- TransNational Institute

All in all a friendly exchange with an NGO that traditionally has been very critical of our trade agenda, in the past anti As and now anti CETA and anti TTIP because of ISDS in particular. Details:

- regretted that the Commission does not publicly announce dates of upcoming rounds in advance. Esp for meetings in the third countries this would allow the local NGOs to prepare, and possibly organise meetings with chief negotiators and civil society as is done with TTIP. I recalled that COM is doing unprecedented efforts on transparency, that stakeholder events within a round are only done for TTIP, and that organization of events with local NGOs is something we leave to our partner country. If Indonesia would want to set up an event we would be willing to assess.

Furthermore, we will run a new SIA which will provide for local stakeholder consultation; and also the EU’s TSD chapter provides for an important role of local civil society.

- mentioned palm oil and forestry products as being very important sectors of concern in terms of anti-corruption. also informed if COM had already tabled a text on corruption. I underlined the importance of both sectors for the FTA, the importance of the sustainable development chapter, and that all text proposals, when submitted, would be published in line with T4A. I also pointed out to the importance of transparency in general and in public procurement in particular.

- was also concerned that the IPR provisions would lead to more expensive medicines and an even stronger role for large EU pharma companies, which are already supplying 70% of medicines in Indonesia. stated that longer data exclusivity rules under CETA would raise the cost of medicines and affect the Canadian public health sector.

- asked if COM would also promote the Investment Court System in the FTA with Indonesia and recalled the TNI position that the COM reform of the ISDS system remains unsatisfactory. mentioned the termination of MS BITs. I pointed out that due to the termination sunset-clauses now kick in, and that IDN would be well-advised to consider replacing the BITs by the new ICS system.

- also regretted the bias or poor quality of SIAs (e.g. on Myanmar) and suggested COM should early on publish draft terms of reference for comments (as UK DTI recently did in Philippines apparently). remarked that COM has actually asked for comments on the revised SIA guidelines; I offered to pass any comments on to the evaluation unit.
Finally, 11.11.11 handed over a copy (google translate - attached) of a Bahasa position paper from local NGOs to President Widodo, asking for more involvement of civil society and the need to carry out full human rights impact assessment.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 2:08 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Question Re EU-Indonesia trade negotiations, 20-21 September

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your prompt reply and sorry for not replying sooner. It so happens that one of our Indonesian partners is in Brussels this week. So if your agenda allows it we could meet this Thursday or Friday (22-23 September).

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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Van: [redacted]
Verzonden: maandag 12 september 2016 17:38
Aan: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Onderwerp: FW: Question Re EU-Indonesia trade negotiations, 20-21 September
Dear [Name],

Following the launch of FTA negotiations announced on 18 July 2016, we have indeed planned a first round of talks with Indonesia in Brussels next week 20-21 September. This however will be a short introductory round to pave the way for a full round to be held in Indonesia at the end of the year or early next year.

Together with my colleague [Name], I would be happy to meet with you to debrief on this first round and hear your views.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

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From: [Name]  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 12:10 AM  
To: [Name]  
Subject: Question Re EU-Indonesia trade negotiations, 20-21 September

Dear [Name],

It has come to my knowledge that a first round of the EU-Indonesia trade negotiations will take place in Brussels on 20-21 September. As with the first round of the EU-Philippines trade negotiations 23-27 May no public announcement of this has been made by the European Commission, which is regrettable and not in line with promises for more transparency.

Therefore I would like to ask you whether you can confirm the above date for the EU-Indonesia negotiations and who the chief negotiator is for these negotiations, so that we could contact her/him for an eventual appointment?

Many thanks beforehand,

Best wishes,
Coalition of the Flemish North-South Movement-11.11.11.

NB: in 2016 I do not work on Wednesdays

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